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U.S. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
2446 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation Request – Fitchburg Public Library Geothermal

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin,

The City of Fitchburg is pleased to submit the Fitchburg Public Library Geothermal project for your consideration as a Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation Request. The federal investment in this project will help to immediately create 500 construction related jobs and ultimately 30 permanent library jobs with the construction of the city's first library facility. We are requesting \$500,000 to add the geothermal system to our \$14 million building project.

Fitchburg celebrated its 25th anniversary as a City in 2008 by creating a Library Board and preparing to build its first public library building. After a successful referendum was passed by the voters, plans are underway to build a Gold LEED certified building – the first library building in the state to achieve this award. Installation of a geothermal system is critical to achieving Gold LEED certification. Installing a geothermal heating and cooling system at this time will allow us to install solar panels in the future, thereby achieving a net-zero energy building – another first for a public library building in the state.

Congresswoman Baldwin, the City of Fitchburg would appreciate your consideration of the Fitchburg Public Library Geothermal project for funding in FY 2011. Please feel free to call either myself directly at (608) 270-4215 or Tony Roach at (608) 270-4209 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding our submittal. Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your efforts to secure federal funding for projects not only for the benefit of the City of Fitchburg, but for the regional and national economy.

Sincerely,

Jay Allen
Mayor

Tony Roach
City Administrator